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Subject: PSIO SITREP UPDATE #3 – 5 Feb 2022 – Freedom Convoy Solidarity Activity

PRELIMINARY INFORMATION ONLY: SUBJECT TO CHANGE AS SITUATION DEVELOPS. INFORMATION MAY BE BASED ON UNCONFIRMED REPORTING.

UPDATE #3

DATE/TIME: February 5, 2022 @ 1600 hrs

PURPOSE: To provide aggregated situational awareness regarding "Freedom Convoy" solidarity activity impacting Alberta.

BACKGROUND: No Change

CURRENT STATUS:

Coutts Border Crossing

- TRANS report NB and SB Highway 4 is operating with one lane in each direction and vehicles are getting through the border. CBSA is engaged and should Coutts crossing be closed there is a contingency plan to open Del Bonita (which is normally closed on weekends).
- Traffic is still able to move through Milk River with RCMP escort. There is anticipation that at some point the traffic flow will become gridlocked (unconfirmed).
- Protest activity at CheckPoint 10 (18 km North of Coutts on Hwy 4) growing in size.
- RCMP have set up another Check Point north of CP10 as a deterrence point to advise protesters that they are entering an illegal protest area.
- Check Point just east of Coutts had about 50 vehicles, and they were filling fuel containers from a pick up slip tank.

Alberta Legislature / McDougall Centre

- As of 15:09 hrs, EPS report:
    - Crowds on Legislature grounds are growing slowly; larger numbers on surrounding streets.
    - 500+ people lining 109 Street with flags and signs.

    - No travel trailers or motor homes spotted thus far. No encampment concerns so far. However, some chatter that some of the truckers plan to stay downtown overnight.
- Crowds are remaining peaceful.
- 38 Sheriffs are now manning at the Legislature in event the protesters move down.

City of Edmonton & Environs

- As of 15:09 hrs, EPS report:
    - EPS air asset (AIR-1) launched at 14:30 hrs. Now providing overflight.
    - Two main convoys are circling the Anthony Henday. Speeds are 80 km/hr and they are leaving the number one lane open for traffic to go by.
    - Truckers on the Henday are chatting about blocking the Henday.
    - No movement on 109 Street all the way north to Kingsway.
    - 500+ people lining 109 Street with flags and signs.
    - Emergency Communications handling lots of noise complaints.
    - Normal police calls for service volumes in the City.
- Rough estimates are 2100 rigs and supporting vehicles entered city.
- Downtown is experiencing high congestion now that all of the different convoys have converged
- Edmonton City is going to discourage any overnight camping or tenting at the Kingsman parking lots
- City of Edmonton believe the next 2 hrs will decide if crowds will disperse like last week.
- Sheriffs reporting that increasing volume of discussion about gridlocking downtown core. Specifically, the 97th St Tunnel underneath the Leg.
- RCMP monitoring traffic incoming to Edmonton – no relevant incidents reported.

City of Calgary & Environs

- Media report 1000s marching peacefully through downtown Calgary.

Regional Municipalities / Rural

- 200-300 vehicles conducted slow roll on Hwy 1 in Brooks. Report of collision involving protestor.
- At 12:00 hrs, there are reports on social media of a slow moving convoy westbound on Highway 3 at Coalhurst (unconfirmed).
- At 12:00 hrs, there is reports on social media of slow moving convoy southbound on Highway 25 heading towards the City of Lethbridge (unconfirmed).
- Convoy activity has been impacting snow plowing.

Ottawa "Freedom Convoy 2022"

- No updates at this time.

Other Provinces / National

British Columbia

- Okanagan Slow-Roll from Salmon Arm to Osoyoos Border through Winfield, Kelowna, Peachland, Summerland, Penticton, OK Falls, Oliver to arrive at border ~14:15

- Cranbrook Convoy to Kingsgate border crossing – notable as this is one of the alternate border crossings for the cattle industry.
- Freedom Convoy to Prince George, through Terrace, Houston, Burns Lake, and Vanderhoof. Western Convoy to arrive into Prince George around 11am into the CN Centre. BBQ and Live Music will begin at 12 - 2pm.
- Vancouver Trucker Convoy was met with counter-protestors preventing them from entering the downtown core.

Saskatchewan

- Regina Convoy to the SK Legislature. Media reports that police have blocked off the Legislature to all but pedestrian traffic and that access to the Saskatchewan Legislative Building is temporarily suspended for all visitors as of February 4". Tamara Lavoie named as key organizer. Zello has been abandoned due to "infiltrators". Some reports indicate full blockage of Albert St. (parallel to the Legislature)
- Some reports of a convoy in Swift Current (unconfirmed)

Manitoba

- Winnipeg protests began last night. One incident of a driver, 42, facing charges of hitting 4 protesters, leaving the scene of the collision. Police have identified and arrested the individual. No apparent connection to the protest.

Ontario

- Toronto protests began yesterday afternoon – multiple intersections begin blocked. Toronto police have arrested one individual near the Ontario Legislature. He's charged with assault with a weapon, administering a noxious substance — a smoke bomb — and public mischief. One convoy met with counter-protestors outside Toronto General Hospital. Significant number of farming tractors outside Queen's Park. Hospital Row has been blocked off to prevent affecting medical services. Union Station has effectively been closed to bus traffic. Other local convoys have been identified in Oakville, Etobicoke, Mississauga, and Vaughan.
- The convoy/protest at Hamilton City Hall has ended and all lanes have been reopened
- Ottawa Mayor Watson may soon be requesting federal assistance to address the convoy and blockades within the city. Romana Didulo is on the Parliamentary grounds with a sizable contingent of supporters. Some evidence of QANON iconography on display. Approximately 200 counter-protestors have setup near Ottawa City Hall.

Quebec

- Quebec City - dozens of truckers and thousands of people have entered downtown Quebec City. SPVQ has closed the main roads around the National Assembly to the protest due to the sheer volume of people.

MINISTRY UPDATES:

Justice & Solicitor General (JSG):

- No Change.

Transportation (TRAN):

- Carway/Piegan Border Crossing hours extended to 8 am – 10 pm / 7 days a week. The US Piegan port has matched the CBSA Carway hours.

- US Customs for Agricultural Products (e.g. boxed meat) and livestock alternative routes for crossing:
    - Piegan - MT crossing (Carway, AB)
        - USCBP is permitting Alberta boxed meat shipments through the crossing and routing to Sweetgrass for USDA Meat Inspections
        - No livestock crossings
        - Open 8 am – 6 pm 7 days/week
    - Raymond – MT crossing (Regway, SK)
        - Livestock can cross at Raymond if the carrier makes arrangements with the US Veterinarian (this is standard business protocols).
        - No USDA Meat Inspectors.
        - Open 6 am – 10 pm 7 days/week
- At 11:04 hrs, the City of Lethbridge Emergency Command Centre requested a Transportation Liaison to promote information sharing between our activated agencies, the South region will fulfill this request.

Municipal Affairs:

- No change.

Jobs, Economy, and Innovation (JEI):

- No change.

Agriculture, Forestry, and Rural Economic Development (AFRED):

- No change.

ASSESSMENT & STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS:

- Some elements are discussing attendance at homes of public officials.
- Indicators are that activity remains peaceful at this time.

FORECAST:

- Protest numbers at the Legislature are likely to peak later than anticipated. Disruptions likely to extend well beyond 1800 hrs in Edmonton area.

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